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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NAKAMOTO et al  
Serial No.: 10/689,594  
Filed: October 22, 2003  
For: Semiconductor Manufacturing Apparatus And Its  
Diagnosis Apparatus And Operating System  
Art Unit: 2125  
Examiner: J. Gandhi

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner For Patents  
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December 23, 2004

Sir:

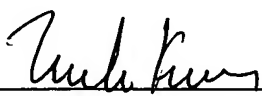
In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed August 23, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.41300CX1).

Respectfully submitted,

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